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PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL - DE LA GUERRA PLAZA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008 1:00 P.M.

Website: www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov

I. NOTICES:

A. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 SITE VISITS **7:45 A.M.**630 GARDEN STREET
Community Development Parking Lot

Plaza de la Guerra

The Planning Commission will visit the project sites scheduled for review at the Thursday Planning Commission meeting. No public testimony will be taken, but the public is invited to attend. Call 564-5470 for additional information.

B. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008 **LUNCH**

12:00 NOON DE LA GUERRA PLAZA City Hall, Room 15, Upstairs

The Planning Commission will meet informally with City Staff to discuss an update on status of long-range projects, new legislation, zoning enforcement items, status reports on previously-approved projects, and future agenda items.

C. This regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be broadcast live and rebroadcast in its entirety on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 18. A video copy of this meeting will be viewable on computers with high speed internet access the following Monday at Noon. Click on *Online Meetings* at www.santabarbaraca.gov/pc

- D. **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.
- E. This agenda schedule is subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and, when the item prior to the application of interest begins, come to the Commission hearing.
- F. The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, please contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website to verify closure dates.
- G. **AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS:** Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.
- B. Announcements and appeals.
- C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda. [Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two (2) minutes.]

III. STAFF HEARING OFFICER APPEAL:

APPEAL BY TONY FISCHER OF THE APPLICATION OF T-MOBILE FOR THOMAS THOMPSON, 3230 STATE STREET, APN 053-332-030, C-2 COMMERCIAL/SD-2 SPECIAL DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONES, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: GENERAL COMMERCE (MST2006-00574)

The 15,000 square foot project site has frontage on both State Street and Calle Alamo. Existing development on site consists of a commercial building. The proposed project involves a new unmanned wireless communication facility. The proposal consists of a panel antenna installation, demolition of an existing storage area, and the construction of new equipment and trash storage areas. The discretionary application required for this project is a Modification to permit the alterations/installations to be located within the required twenty-foot (20') front yard setback facing Calle Alamo (SBMC §28.45.008). On October 24, 2007, a public hearing was held and the Staff Hearing Officer approved the request as submitted. This is an appeal of that action.

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The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines Section 15301.

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IV. <u>DISCUSSION ITEM:</u>

APPLICATION OF CITY OF SANTA BARBARA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PLAZA DE LA GUERRA, APN: 037-092-037, C-2/PR LIMITED COMMERCIAL/PARKS & RECREATION, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MAJOR PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL – CITY HALL AND GENERAL COMMERCE (MST2007-00496)

The project scope for this project has not been finalized. City Council will finalize the project scope for environmental review purposes after this Planning Commission hearing. Potential project components, set forth for discussion purposes, may include electrical hardware relocation, a new refuse enclosure for City Hall and nearby restaurant use, a new hardscape path across the park lawn, a decorative water element or fountain, possible flagpole relocation, parking changes to accommodate more park uses leading to a potential loss of up to 35 on-street public parking spaces on the site by disallowing parking within the Plaza de la Guerra loop but continuing to allow deliveries in morning hours, implementing one-way driving and diagonal parking on De la Guerra Street to accommodate 16 more parking spaces on De la Guerra Street, potential designation of up to 10 spaces in the City Hall parking lot for public use, raised roadway surfaces to create a level main park area with no curbs, outdoor dining use expanded into the southwestern corner of the park area, installation of bollards along De la Guerra Street and potentially in other areas of the park to limit vehicle access, landscaping improvements including new perimeter trees in the park, outdoor lighting improvements, and potential signage from State Street to direct pedestrians to the Park.

The purpose of the concept review is to allow the Planning Commission and the public an opportunity to review the potential project components at a conceptual level and provide the Applicant and Staff with feedback and direction regarding the proposals. The opinions of the Planning Commission may change or there may be policy or ordinance changes that could affect the project that would result in requests for project design changes. No formal action on the development proposal will be taken at the concept review, nor will any determination be made regarding environmental review of the proposed project.

Upon review and formal action on the application for the development proposal, the proposed project will require the following discretionary applications:

- 1. <u>Historic Landmarks Commission</u> A Historic Landmarks Commission Design Review application is required. (SBMC§22.22.130); and
- 2. <u>Sign Committee</u> A Design Review application for Sign Committee is required if signage components are included. (SBMC §28.70.030)

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V. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:</u>

- A. Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Review of the decisions of the Staff Hearing Officer in accordance with SBMC §28.92.080.

VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING PROCEDURES

NOTE: State legislation requires persons who contributed \$250 or more to appointed members of boards or commissions within the past twelve (12) months to so inform the Chairman prior to speaking.

The public is invited to speak on any item on the Planning Commission Agenda. After receiving recognition from the Chairman, please approach the podium and speak into the microphone. State your name and purpose for appearing. Your name and comments will be entered into the public record.

The order of presentation after the Chairman introduces the item is as follows:

- 1. Presentation by Staff (15 minutes)*.
- 2. Presentation by Applicant (15 minutes)*.
- 3. Public Hearing*.
- 4. Additional response by Applicant/Staff (5 minutes each)*.
- 5. Questions and comments by the commission.
- 6. Commission consideration of Findings and Conditions of Approval.
- 7. Motion, discussion of motion, decision, and vote by the Commission.

*Time may be extended or limited by the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Items that generate a large amount of citizen interest may be taken out of their scheduled order on the agenda as a courtesy to the public in attendance. Where there are a large number of people wishing to speak on an item, the Chairman may limit time allotted to each speaker.

Written testimony is invited and will be entered into the public record. Written information can be submitted prior to the meeting to the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden Street. Only one copy is required. Longer written statements must be submitted as early as possible to allow the Commission time to adequately consider the information. The preferred submittal time for written statements is Monday at noon for the Thursday meeting. Written statements submitted at the meeting are limited to two (2) pages and ten (10) copies are required.

It is not possible to determine the precise time an item will be heard. The Planning Commission sessions are broadcast live on the Government Access Television Channel 18. Monitoring will assist in determining when the item will come up. Any continued items are announced at the beginning of the meeting and repeated throughout the meeting by the Chairman.

Many of the items before the Commission may be appealed to the City Council. For further information on appeals, contact the Planning Division Staff or the City Clerk's Office. Any further information on the Planning Commission meeting procedures or agenda items may be obtained by calling the Planning Division at Phone 564-5470.

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